

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus, comprising:
 - a first electro-mechanical device, the first electro-mechanical device having a first end portion and a second end portion, the first end portion of the first electro-mechanical device being fixedly coupled to a base member, the first electro-mechanical device being configured to operate in a plurality of resonant modes;
 - a second electro-mechanical device, the second electro-mechanical device having a first end portion and a second end portion, the first end portion of the second electro-mechanical device being fixedly coupled to a base member, the second electro-mechanical device being configured to operate in a plurality of resonant modes;
 - a first mass coupled to the second end portion of the first electro-mechanical device; and
 - a second mass coupled to the second end portion of the second electro-mechanical device, the first electro-mechanical device and the second electro-mechanical device being configured collectively to operate in a plurality of operational modes, each operational mode from the plurality of operational modes being uniquely associated with at least one resonant mode from the plurality of modes for the first electro-mechanical device and a resonant mode from the plurality of modes for the second electro-mechanical device.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first mass is different than the second mass.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electro-mechanical device has a length, the second electro-mechanical device having a length different than the length the first electro-mechanical device.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a third electro-mechanical device, the third electro-mechanical device having a first end portion and a second end portion, the first end portion of the third electro-mechanical device being fixedly coupled to a base member; and

a third mass coupled to the second end portion of the third electro-mechanical device, the first electro-mechanical device, the second electro-mechanical device and the third electro-mechanical device being configured collectively to operate in a plurality of operational modes.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electro-mechanical device is a piezoelectric device.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electro-mechanical device is a piezoelectric device and the second electro-mechanical device is a piezoelectric device.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first electro-mechanical device is one of a resonant eccentric rotating mass, and an electro-active polymer device.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a voltage source, the voltage source being configured to apply a voltage to the first electro-mechanical device and the second electro-mechanical device in response to a signal.

9. A method, comprising:

receiving a drive signal associated with a haptic feedback signal; and

applying the drive signal to an electro-mechanical transducer, the electro-mechanical transducer operating in at least one resonant mode from a plurality of resonant modes in response to the drive signal.

10. The method of claim 9, the electro-mechanical transducer being a first electro-mechanical device, the method further comprising:

applying the drive signal to a second electro-mechanical device different from the first electro-mechanical device, the first electro-mechanical device and the second electro-mechanical device collectively operating in one operational mode from a plurality of operational modes in response to the drive signal for the first electro-mechanical device and the drive signal for the second electro-mechanical device.

11. The method of claim 9, the electro-mechanical transducer being a first electro-mechanical device, the method further comprising:

applying the drive signal to a second electro-mechanical device different from the first electro-mechanical device, the first electro-mechanical device and the second electro-mechanical device collectively operating in one operational mode from a plurality of operational modes in response to the drive signal for the first electro-mechanical device and the drive signal for the second electro-mechanical device, the plurality of operational modes including a first operational mode and a second operational mode; and

changing from the first operational mode to the second operational mode, at least one the resonant mode of first electro-mechanical device and the resonant mode of the second electro-mechanical device for the first operational mode differing for the second operational mode.

12. The method of claim 9, the electro-mechanical transducer being a first electro-mechanical device, further comprising:

applying the drive signal to a second electro-mechanical device different from the first electro-mechanical device, the first electro-mechanical device and the second electro-mechanical device collectively operating in one operational mode from a plurality of operational modes in response to the drive signal for the first electro-mechanical device and the drive signal for the second electro-mechanical device,

the first operational mode being associated with the applying the drive signal to the first electro-mechanical device when the drive signal to the second electro-mechanical device is not applied,

the second operational mode being associated with the applying the drive signal to the second electro-mechanical device when the drive signal to the first electro-mechanical device is not applied.

13. A method, comprising:

receiving a drive signal; and

applying the drive signal to an electro-mechanical transducer, the electro-mechanical transducer having a plurality of operational modes in response to the drive signal, each operational mode from the plurality of operational modes having its own combination of at least one resonant mode from a plurality of resonant modes.

14. The method of claim 13, the electro-mechanical transducer being a first electro-mechanical device, the plurality of operational modes including a first operational mode and a second operational mode, the drive signal being associated with the first operational mode, the method further comprising:

applying the drive signal to a second electro-mechanical device different from the first electro-mechanical device, the second electro-mechanical device and the first electro-mechanical device collectively having the plurality of operational modes.

15. The method of claim 13, the electro-mechanical transducer being a first electro-mechanical device, the method further comprising:

applying the drive signal to a second electro-mechanical device different from the first electro-mechanical device, the second electro-mechanical device and the first electro-mechanical device collectively having the plurality of operational modes, the plurality of operational modes including a first operational mode and a second operational mode; and

changing from the first operational mode to the second operational mode by altering a characteristic of the drive signal.

16. The method of claim 13, the plurality of operational modes including a first operational mode and a second operational mode, the drive signal being associated with the first operational mode, the method further comprising:

changing from the first operational mode to the second operational mode by altering a characteristic of the drive signal.

17. An apparatus, comprising:

a signal source, the signal source being configured to output a haptic feedback signal;
a driver, the driver being configured to receive the haptic feedback signal and output a drive signal; and

an electro-mechanical transducer being configured to receive the drive signal, the electro-mechanical transducer being configured to have a plurality of operational modes, each

operational mode from the plurality of operational modes having at least one resonant mode from a plurality of resonant modes.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the electro-mechanical transducer is a piezoelectric transducer.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the electro-mechanical transducer is an electro-active polymer.

20. The apparatus of claim 17, the electro-mechanical transducer being a first electro-mechanical device, the apparatus further comprising:

a second electro-mechanical device different from the first electro-mechanical device, the second electro-mechanical device being configured to receive the drive signal, the plurality of operational modes being associated with the first electro-mechanical transducer and the second electro-mechanical transducer collectively.